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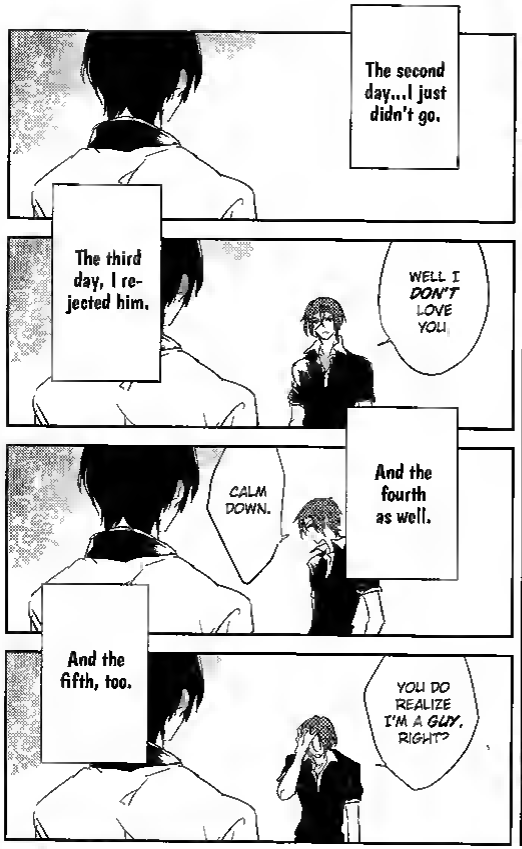
How many todays ago was it...

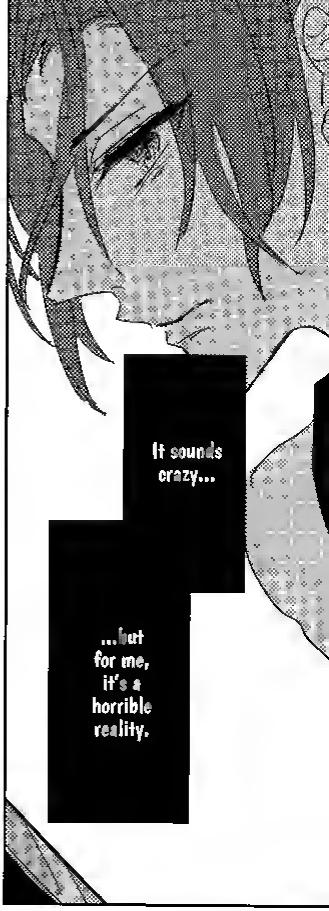
...that I spit out those words, fleeing...

...in a desperate bid to escape his strong gaze...?

Let me tell you a crazy story.

My mind went completely blank,
dash
and I fled back to my dorm room, going right to sleep, no training at all...
Haru asked to see me,
and when we met up, he confessed to me.
When I was forced awake by the morning light streaming into my room...
From Nanase
Sub.
We need to t
...the date hadn't changed.
And now, each day starts out exactly the same...and ends the same.
I've lost count of how many times it's repeated.


The second day...I just didn't go.
The third day, I rejected him.
WELL I DON'T LOVE YOU.
And the fourth as well.
CALM DOWN.
And the fifth, too.
YOU DO REALIZE I'M A GUY, RIGHT?



The sixth time, seventh time, eighth time too, I rejected him...

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THE TOURNAMENT'LL NEVER GET HERE AT THIS RATE.
STEP
I JUST HAVE TO SAY IT.
JUST ONE LINE...
I KNOW THAT...
BUT...
...HARU.
This day keeps repeating over and over...
...probably because I haven't told him yet...
Whenever I look at him...
...I lose my nerve.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME...
HE'S SAYING...
WELL--
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CALLED ME HERE.
...THE SAME THING AGAIN.
RIN...
I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT.
I--
AH
ST.

MAYBE YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS HERE...
I CAN'T DO IT...
WHY... JUST, WHY?!

BUT... I CAN'T DO THIS
IT'S NO USE!

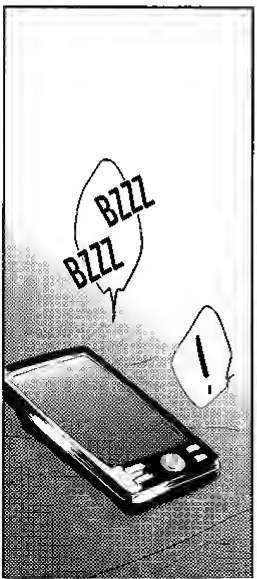
STOP IT!

WHAT ARE YOU...
..I'M LEAV-ING.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST...
...STOP WITH THE WHOLE MOUTHING OFF AND DRAWING YOUR OWN CONCLU-SIONS THING!
GRAB

I'M FED UP WITH IT!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST HATE ME?!
CRAP...
ONCE AGAIN
I'VE...
And just like that, the Xth today ended.

Over and over
and over again.



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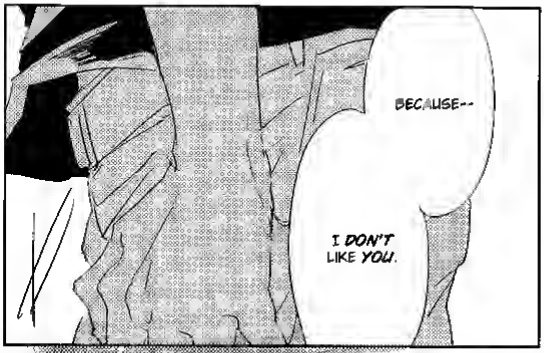
'S THAT SO...?
IF THAT'S ALL, THEN MIND IF I LEAVE?
I DO MIND.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
CUT ME A BREAK HERE. I'M TIRED...
JUST WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.
I OFFER YOU MY ONE AND ONLY CONFESSION...
...AND THAT'S HOW YOU RESPOND?
IT IS.

JERK
WHAT'RE YOU ...

RIN...?
blush
WH...
WH—Y WOULD YOU...
YOU...
NEVER ONCE...
EVER DID...
TH...
THIS SUCKS.

RUFFLE
RIN...
DON'T TOUCH ME!
...I LOVE YOU
I TOLD YOU...
I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.
HARU, STOP--
DON'T WANT TO...
CUT IT OUT...
I SAID STOP!


BECAUSE--
I DON'T LIKE YOU.

...WHY?

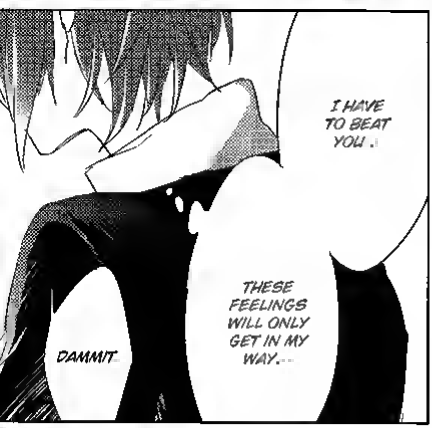
LIAR
!
LIAR
I'M NOT LYING.
LIAR.

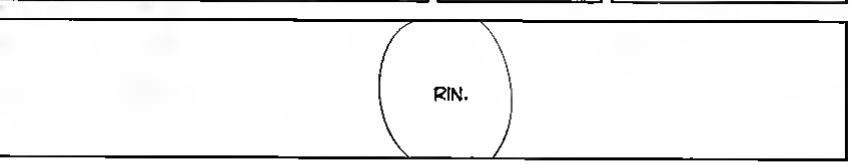
...ENOUGH ALREADY...

I FEEL LIKE... I MIGHT START ACCEPTING THAT I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT YOU THEN...

I CAN'T FACE YOU HEAD-ON
IF I...
IF I HAVE THESE KINDS OF FEELINGS FOR YOU... I CAN'T SWIM TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES, SEE?

That's right...





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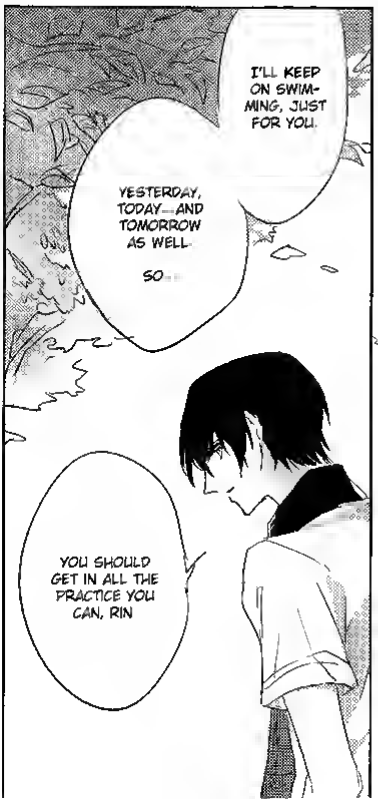
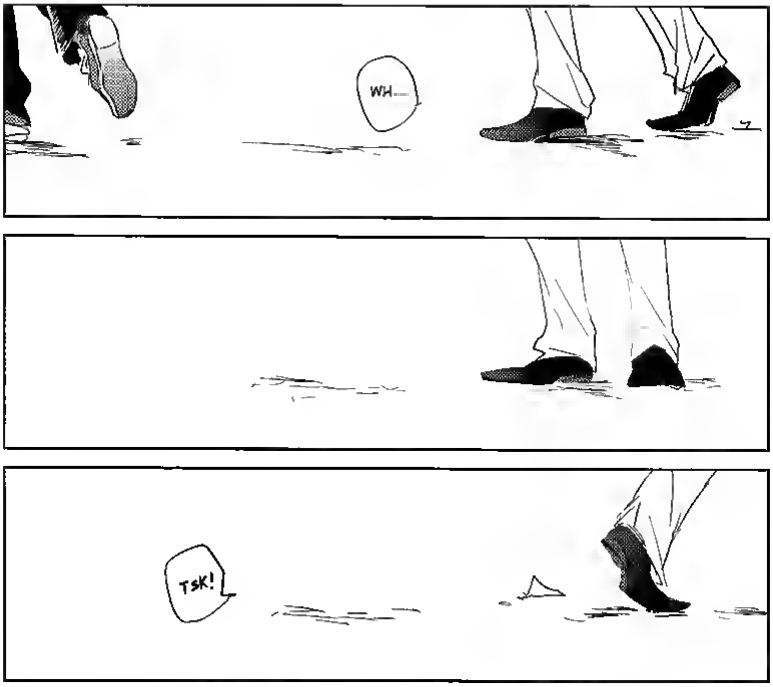
I'M GLAD I TOLD YOU
AND...
I'M GLAD I GOT TO HEAR YOUR RESPONSE.

...WHAT NOW?


I'LL KEEP ON SWIMMING, JUST FOR YOU.
YESTERDAY, TODAY...AND TOMORROW AS WELL.
SO...
YOU SHOULD GET IN ALL THE PRACTICE YOU CAN, RIN

YOU CAN FORGET ABOUT THIS UNTIL AFTER THE TOURNAMENT.
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN WHEN WE FINISH.
WHAT...THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?

...NOTHING



I slept well that night for the first time in a long while.

AH!
GOOD MORNING, MATSUOKA-SEMPAI!
NGH...
IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO BE WAKING UP AT THIS HOUR!
WHAT TIME IS IT?
UGH!
HUH...?
THE DATE'S... ONE DAY AHEAD?
YOU HAD A FEVER YESTERDAY, REMEMBER?
WHAT?
OH-- WAIT!
Peek
HUH?
NO, IT'S THE CORRECT DATE

I--I have to go now, but if you don't feel 100% yet, please rest!
OKAY?
YOUR PALLOR WAS HORRIBLE!
MAYBE YOU'RE A BIT CONFUSED BECAUSE OF THAT?
?
WHUMP
click
HUH...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I CHECKED MY TEXT INBOX...
IS THIS SERIOUSLY TODAY'S DATE...?
I DON'T REMEMBER A THING FROM YESTERDAY

From / Nanase Haruka
Sub.
We need to talk.
...THE HELL IS THIS?
...WELL, WHATEVER.
...THAT ASSHOLE.
THE TOURNAMENT'S COMING UP.
WHAT DOES HE WANT?

The End.

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